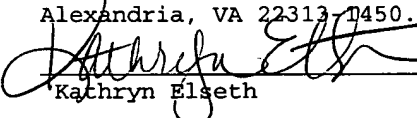PATENT

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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    Please amend the above-identified application as
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